

ABSTRACT

WA-II-165

19th Century

Stone House, Beaver Creek Church Road

Beaver Creek Vicinity

private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-II-165
District 16
Map 58
Parcel 350
2203595304

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Stone House, Beaver Creek Church Road

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Beaver Creek Church Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF Beaver Creek

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

J. Edward Penn

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 9, Box 344

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 455

Folio #: 65

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED > 50%

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located on the north side of Beaver Creek Church Road east of White Hall Road near the village of Beaver Creek in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on gently sloping ground and faces east.

The dwelling is a two story, three bay structure built of roughly coursed native limestone. No decorative masonry is associated with the exterior of the house. Evidence of alterations to the stonework suggests that this structure originally had only one story to which the present second story was added. A different type of masonry is employed above the sills of the second story windows from that which can be observed below. In the end walls ghosts of the former gables can be identified with newer stonework raising the walls to their present height.

Wide wooden frames joined with pegs support the openings at the first story level while narrow frames finished with a bead at the inside edge, a later form, are employed at the second story level. Nine over six pane double hung window sashes are used at the first story. Second story windows have six over six light sashes.

Entrances are located in the first and third bays of the front or east elevation. The northernmost door has a four light transom while the southern door shows evidence of having had one. Both door frames appear to have been altered slightly.

The roof is covered with modern asphalt shingles and terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls. Plain boxing finishes the eaves. A small brick chimney is located inside the north gable end and a modern block flue has been constructed against the west elevation.

The owner reports that sawed lath was found in the ceiling of the first story during interior renovations. Hewn joists have also been found inside the house.

The structure appears to be in excellent condition and is located on a tract containing 7.08 acres.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

Associated with a prominent Washington County family.

SPECIFIC DATES _____ BUILDER/ARCHITECT _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE _____

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Deeds for this property can be traced back to 1864 when B. Franklin Newcomer and Amelia L. Newcomer sold this property containing slightly more than 79 acres to William Newcomer for \$5. (IN19/5). The farm is described as being part of the real estate of John Newcomer who had died on April 21, 1861. John Newcomer, father of B.F. Newcomer, had large amounts of land in the Beaver Creek area where he operated a mill. This land he apparently inherited from his father Henry Newcomer. Born December 19, 1797, John Newcomer is believed to have lived near the mill in a stone house located approximately 1/2 mile east of this dwelling (See WA-II-084). He represented Washington County in the Maryland Senate from 1840-46 and also served as County Commissioner.

B.F. Newcomer became a prosperous businessman in Baltimore having extensive interests in the grain and flour business and in various rail road companies. He was a patron of several Washington County institutions including the Library and the Orphans Home. ¹

This property descended through the Newcomer family until 1947 when it was purchased by Edgar P. and J. Alverda Pryor, (196/200, 217/403, 240/326). In the same year the property was sold to Richard W. and Virginia C. Mellott who conveyed it to the present owners in 1967, (241/49).

¹ Thomas J.C. Williams, History of Washington County, Volume 1, Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co., (1906) p. 454.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 7.08 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

June 1976

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

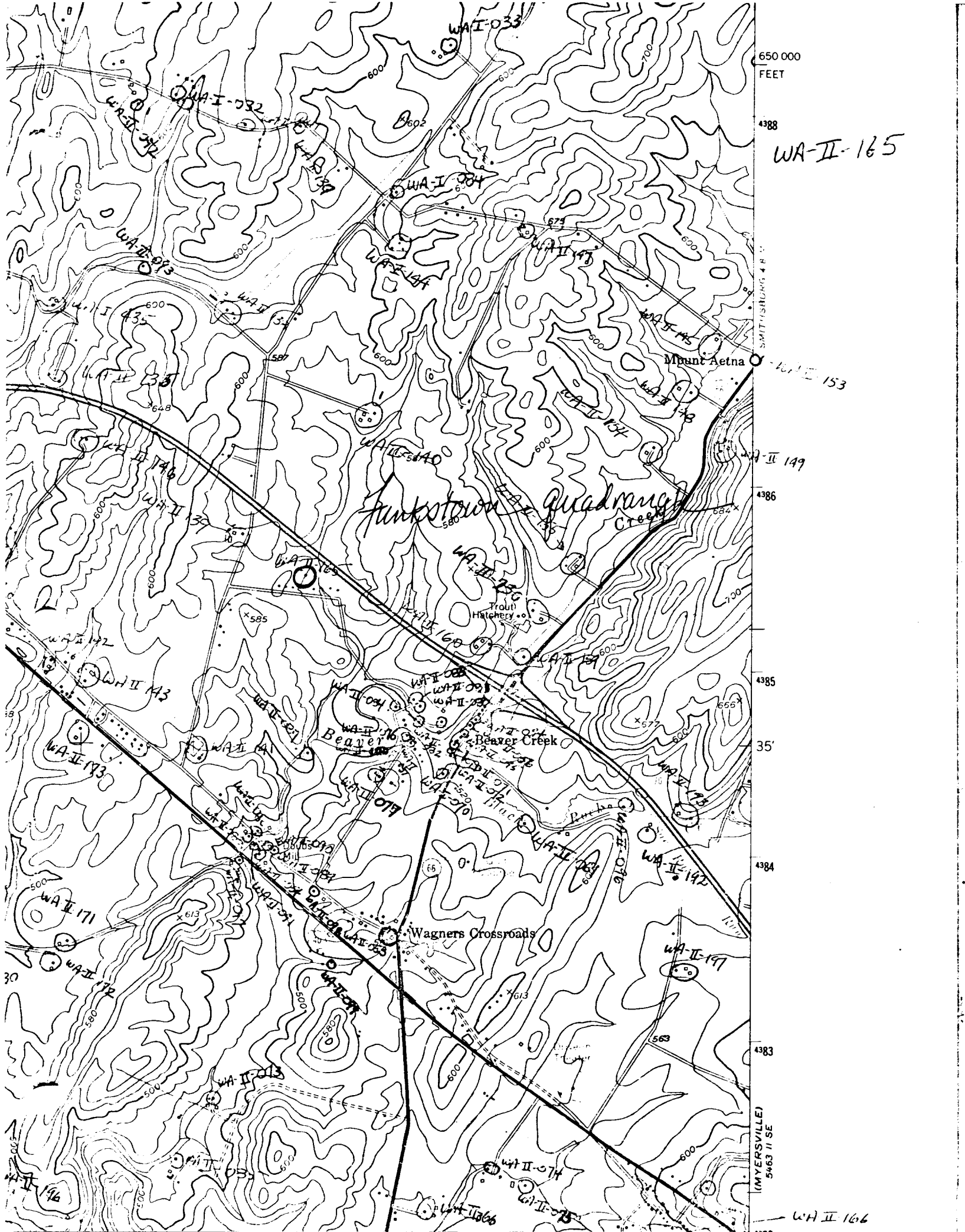
STATE

Maryland 21740

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



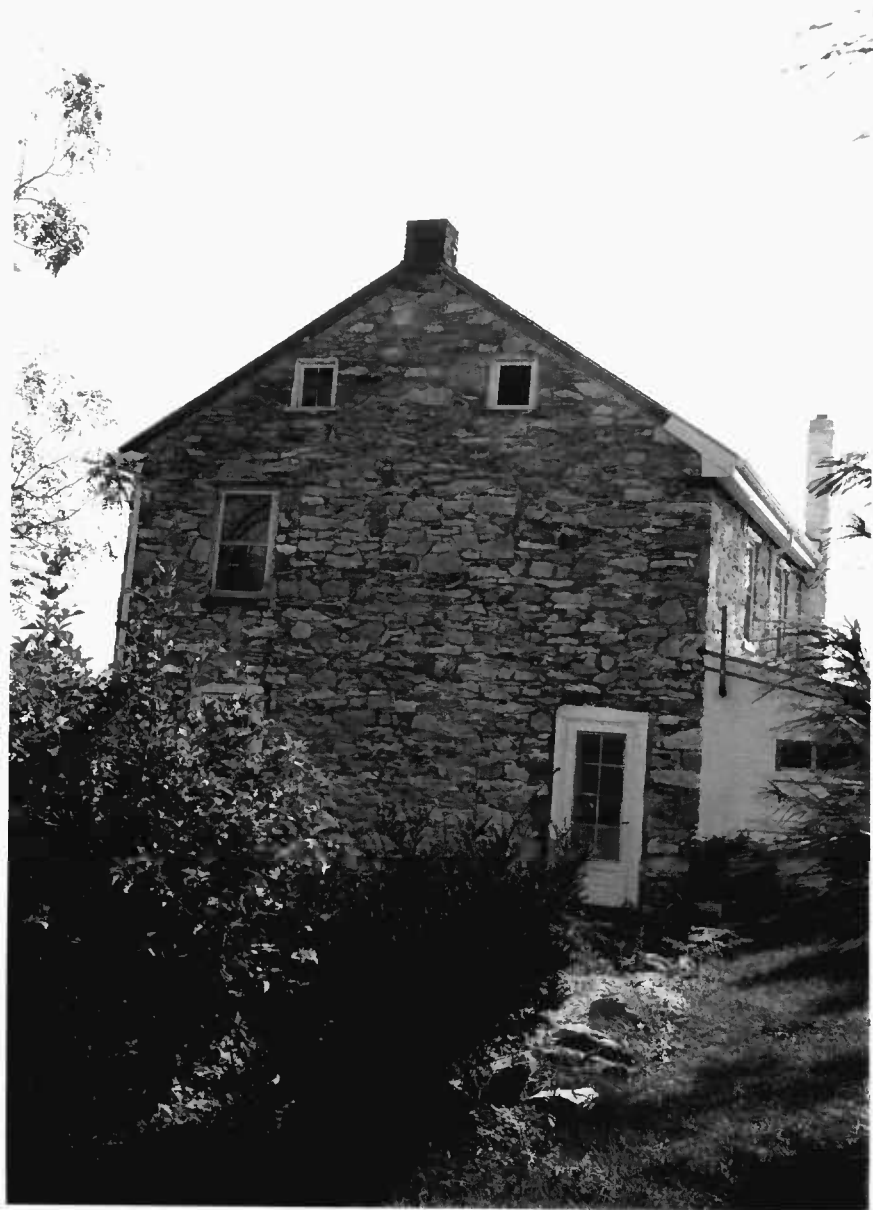


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Oct. 1975

PAULA STOTER DICKEY
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



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N.W.

Oct. 1915

PAULA STONER DICKEY
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HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY